

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 28, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Jim Daniel
Commissioner Rick Hall
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Mike Sparks
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Schneider Ken Tucker
Regina Nelson Lynn Duke
Dan Goode Alan Miller
Roger Allen Larry Farley
David Manning Randy White
Dan Rudd Bob Asbury
Mike Nunley Lois Miller
Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SMYRNA RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

No report was presented at this time.

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode and Lois Miller presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next presented a draft of an updated OJI Program Plan document for County General and Board of Education employees with review of the changes being advised the changes are to comply with Tennessee statutes and the Rutherford County employee policy. Commissioner Farley suggested the last paragraph on page 3 should be changed to include the Ambulance Department emergency transport personnel to be clear they are included.

The Committee discussed the wording regarding drug and alcohol testing and not being required to be done for up to seven days following an accident when treatment is sought. The Committee felt the supervisor should have the discretion to require drug or alcohol testing at the time of the report and requested review of the language and if there was a need for more instantaneous testing.

The Committee was advised this review was just for the information of the Committee as the Insurance Committee reports to the Budget Committee so it was anticipated the Budget Committee would send

the document on to the Commission. Commissioner Peay advised he wanted clarification of the language on drug and alcohol testing. Commissioner Farley advised he wanted the Public Safety Committee to send the document to the Commission and not the Budget Committee because there was no money required. Commissioner Shafer recommended the document coming back to the Public Safety Committee next month and Public Safety forwarding the same to the Budget Committee. The document will be presented to the Public Safety Committee again next month.

SMYRNA RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

David Manning presented the Smyrna Rescue Squad report for the use and information of the Committee advising they had no vehicles out of service during the prior three month period.

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Smyrna Rescue Squad report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley next presented a proposed budget amendment increasing Account #118-43990 (Other Charges for Services) by \$10,890, increasing Account #118-55130-187 (Overtime Payroll) by \$8,664, increasing Account #118-55130-201 (Social Security) by \$675, increasing Account #118-55130-204 (Retirement) by \$1,393 and increasing Account #118-55130-212 (Medicare) by \$158. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the budget amendment increasing Account #118-43990 (Other Charges for Services) by \$10,890, increasing Account #118-55130-187 (Overtime Payroll) by \$8,664, increasing Account #118-55130-201 (Social Security) by \$675, increasing Account #118-55130-204 (Retirement) by \$1,393 and increasing Account #118-55130-212 (Medicare) by \$158. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Randy White next presented press releases sent out during the recent floods and pictures of the damage for the use and information of the Committee.

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Alan Miller presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Regina Nelson next presented proposed budget amendments of \$45 from Account #101-39000 (General Fund to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies) and an increase of \$538,165 to Accounts #101-47305 (Sheriff ARRA JAG) and #101-34475-716 (L.E. Equip). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the budget amendments of \$45 from Account #101-39000 (General Fund to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies) and an increase of \$538,165 to Accounts #101-47305 (Sheriff ARRA JAG) and #101-34475-716 (L.E. Equip). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was provided information on the grant money budgeted in the prior motion as well as the line item report. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Per the request of the Committee last month, Dr. Dan Rudd addressed the Committee advising he has been at the jail administering the medical program for four years and introduced Ken Tucker to the Committee. Dr. Rudd advised although there have been lawsuits, no lawsuits have been lost as they are careful in providing care and completing documentation. Dr. Rudd advised he takes the liability off the County as he provides his own malpractice insurance. Staff is provided 24/7 and there is a triage system in place from booking all the way through the jail system. Dr. Rudd advised they deal with a tremendous amount of drug and alcohol abuse as well as mental illness. Additionally, the program is working toward being an accredited medical clinic in the jail and this would be the first county in the State to be so accredited. Dr. Rudd advised his program dispenses approximately 35,000 doses of meds per month.

Commissioner Peay requested historical information on what the County has paid for medical services in the past few years.

The average population at the jail is between 730 and 740.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Roger Allen presented the Emergency Management Agency report and Larry Farley presented the Fire Coordinator's report for the use and information of the Committee. The Committee discussed whether there needed to be a plan to review burning restrictions as to major subdivisions. Mr. Allen will procure State laws for the information of the Committee but the issue would fall under the Public Works Committee as to Codes.

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

No report was presented at this time as the Department is short staffed and Ms. Hill was running calls.

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider presented the Drug Court report for the use and information of the Committee advising her assistant had previously submitted a suggestion to the Human Resources Department as a cost savings to use the Drug Court drug testing source as it was cheaper and never heard anything back. The issue of drug testing was discussed previously by the Committee when the OJI changes were discussed. Ms. Schneider was directed to follow up on this with the Human Resources Department.

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the Drug Court report as presented. This motion passed

unanimously by acclamation."

WHEEL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT:

Chairman Farley presented the written Wheel Tax Officer's report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to approve the Wheel Tax Officer's report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman